# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4199
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EXCISE DUTY EVASION
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**Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited has been charged with excise duty evasion to the tune of Rs.108.39 crore;

(b) if so, since when this duty has not been paid by the Maruti Udyog Limited;

(c) the reasons for not paying excise duty when it became due; and

(d) whether the orders have been issued to ensure that timely payments of duty is made?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): As per requirement, Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) depositexcise dues every fortnight and files a monthly return which is checked by the excise unit in the factory premises. During a physical reconciliation in 1999, MUL found some discrepancy in the physical numbers and suo moto deposited Rs.37 crore pending finalisation of reconciliation for the period April, 1986 till 28th February, 1999. Excise Department, however, indicated a demand of Rs.83 crore tobe deposited by 31st October, 2000. Accordingly, MUL deposited the balance of Rs.46 crore.Subsequently, the Central Excise Department issued a demand notice for Rs.108.39 crore. The case is pending adjudication by the Commissioner, Central Excise MUL has approached theSettlement Commission for settlement of the case.